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1. On 19 January 1954, KVP and VP in the Eggesin area were placed on the highest stage of alert, with the large flying squad of the VPKA in Ueckermuende being ready for moving to Berlin; the approach roads to KVP installations being blocked or heavily guarded because of allegedly planned provocations and sabotage acts; and KVP personnel being restricted to quarters. There was no training.

2. On the afternoon of 22 January, a total of at least 400 unarmed VPs left Eggesin toward Pasewalk aboard coaches attached to regular trains. The VPs appeared to be selected personnel, who allegedly were detached to Berlin in connection with the Big-Four Conference.

3. Between 19 and 22 January, alert practices, allegedly in connection with the Big-Four Conference, were held every night by the 2d Infantry Kommando of the VP Prenzlau. On 21 and 22 January, exercises at battalion level, involving fully armed and equipped personnel, were held in the Prenzlau area. The exercises were umpired by officers of the Armeegruppe Pasewalk.

4. For the duration of the Big-Four Conference, guard personnel of the 2d Infantry Kommando had been reinforced by control officers who checked all officers, NCOs and personnel entering and leaving quarters. Even small offenses were treated as sabotage acts.

5. Captain Wolter, chief of the SSD (state security service) was given increased powers in Prenzlau for the duration of the Big-Four Conference.

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Comment. The VP was apparently alerted throughout the zone in connection with the Big-Four Conference.

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